

Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

FY10 Equalization payments provided to public libraries

The Equalization program distributes funds to public libraries that are more challenged in providing services for their communities. As provided by Missouri statutes governing state aid, equalization payments may be made to county, city/county, urban public or consolidated libraries. Total FY 2010 Equalization funding is at the same level as last year. Payments totaling \$1,189,140.20 have been distributed to this year's 58 qualifying libraries. These equalization payments assist specific libraries to meet standards and improve library services. A listing of the libraries qualifying for a FY10 Equalization payment can be accessed on the [State Library's 2010 Funds Transfer Web page](#).

State Library introduces new staff member, Sarah Easley

Sarah Easley joined the Library Development staff mid-February as our Continuing Education Consultant. Sarah's duties include planning the Summer and Winter Library Skills Institutes, managing the Library Scholarship program, coordinating other continuing education opportunities and developing WebJunction projects. She worked as a public services associate at Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia while attending graduate school and after receiving her Master's in Library Science from the University of Missouri last year. While at MU she also held a graduate assistantship at the College of Education's library and completed practicums in school libraries. Her Bachelor's degree (English) is from Miami University.

Kudos to these Missouri public libraries...Way to go!

- Four public libraries, currently active on Twitter, have been included in a national listing based on their regular page updates and communications with followers, use of Twitter to advance/promote community communication and their proportionate number of followers. These top Missouri libraries follow in their ranked order and their Twitter URL:

4	Kansas City Public, http://twitter.com/KCPubLibrary
80	Missouri River Regional, http://twitter.com/mrrrl
88	Cass County, http://twitter.com/casscolib
95	St. Louis County, http://twitter.com/SLCL

- **“Visions of the Universe” exhibit coming to Maryville Public Library**
Maryville will host this traveling exhibition from September 22 – December 3, 2010 at the library. The exhibit is a celebration of astronomy that highlights four centuries of discovery and promotes awareness of astronomy’s impact on society and culture. For more information about the exhibit and links to the Space Telescope and Science Institute Office of Public Outreach’s award winning Web sites on the Hubble Space telescope and the universe, visit www.ala.org/visionsoftheuniverse.

Children’s Literature Festival at Warrensburg, 3/14-16

This is an important reminder to all librarians interested in children’s books, services and just plain fun to **note the festival’s March 5 registration deadline**. This 2010 festival will be the University of Central Missouri’s 42 annual opportunity to network with other librarians who share your interests, purchase children’s books with up to a 20% discount plus interact with nationally recognized authors and illustrators and get those new books autographed. For more information about participating as either a festival attendee or volunteer check out <http://guides.library.ucmo.edu/clf>.

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